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**In Re Application of:**

Applicants : Sadeg M. Faria, et al.  
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Title of Invention: : FUEL CELL SUPPORT AND ELECTRICAL  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97**

Sir:

In order to fulfill Applicants' continuing obligation of candor and good faith as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97, 1.98 and 1.99.

The disclosures enclosed herewith are as follows:

**U.S. PUBLICATIONS**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
5,532,086	June 30, 1994	ANODE ASSEMBLY WITH THIN METAL CURRENT COLLECTOR AND ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL COMPRISING AN ANODE SUPPORT STRUCTURE AND A GAS RELEASE SYSTEM

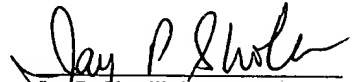
**STATEMENT OF PERTINENCE**

U.S. Letters Patent 5,532,086 to Thibault et al. discloses an anode for use in an electrochemical cell comprising a current collector layer having a thickness less than about 10 mils, and a rigid support extending adjacent one side of the current collector layer so that the current collector layer is sandwiched between the anodic layer of the anode and the rigid support. The rigid support maintains the current collector layer in the original configuration of the current collector layer during discharge and recharge cycles of the cell. A cell containing the anode is also disclosed. The rigid support for the anode current collector can be mounted in the electrochemical cell case so as to allow for the release from the cell of gas produced at the anode.

A separate listing of the above references on PTO Form 1449 and a copy of these references are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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